

Columbia County Recreation Guide



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Registration Fees:

Each program has a set registration fee. The registration fees help to cover the cost of running the activity as well as providing a team uniform. Each sport receives a uniform for the participant to keep as follows:

Soccer—	Team T-Shirt
Baseball —	Team T-shirt and Hat
Softball—	Team T-shirt and Hat
Football—	Team Jersey and Pants (helmets and shoulder pads are provided for use but must be returned at the conclusion of the season)
Basketball—	Team T-shirt

For current registration fees please contact the Administrative Office at 706-863-7523.

Important Department Phone Numbers:

Main Office—706-863-7523
Gymnasium—706-868-3458
Rain-out Line—706-312-7390
Wildwood Park—706-541-0586
Reed Creek—706-210-4027

Refund Policy:

All request for refunds must be submitted by the parent in writing to the league coordinator and approved by the recreation manager. A full refund will be issued prior to the draft (team selection). A 50% refund will be issued after the draft and prior to the first game. NO refunds will be issued after the first scheduled game. Once a request has been accepted, it can not be rescinded. Please contact the administrative office for more information.



To receive text alerts
from Columbia County
Recreation & Events
for recreation updates,
registrations,
rainouts, etc:
Text ccrec to 82672

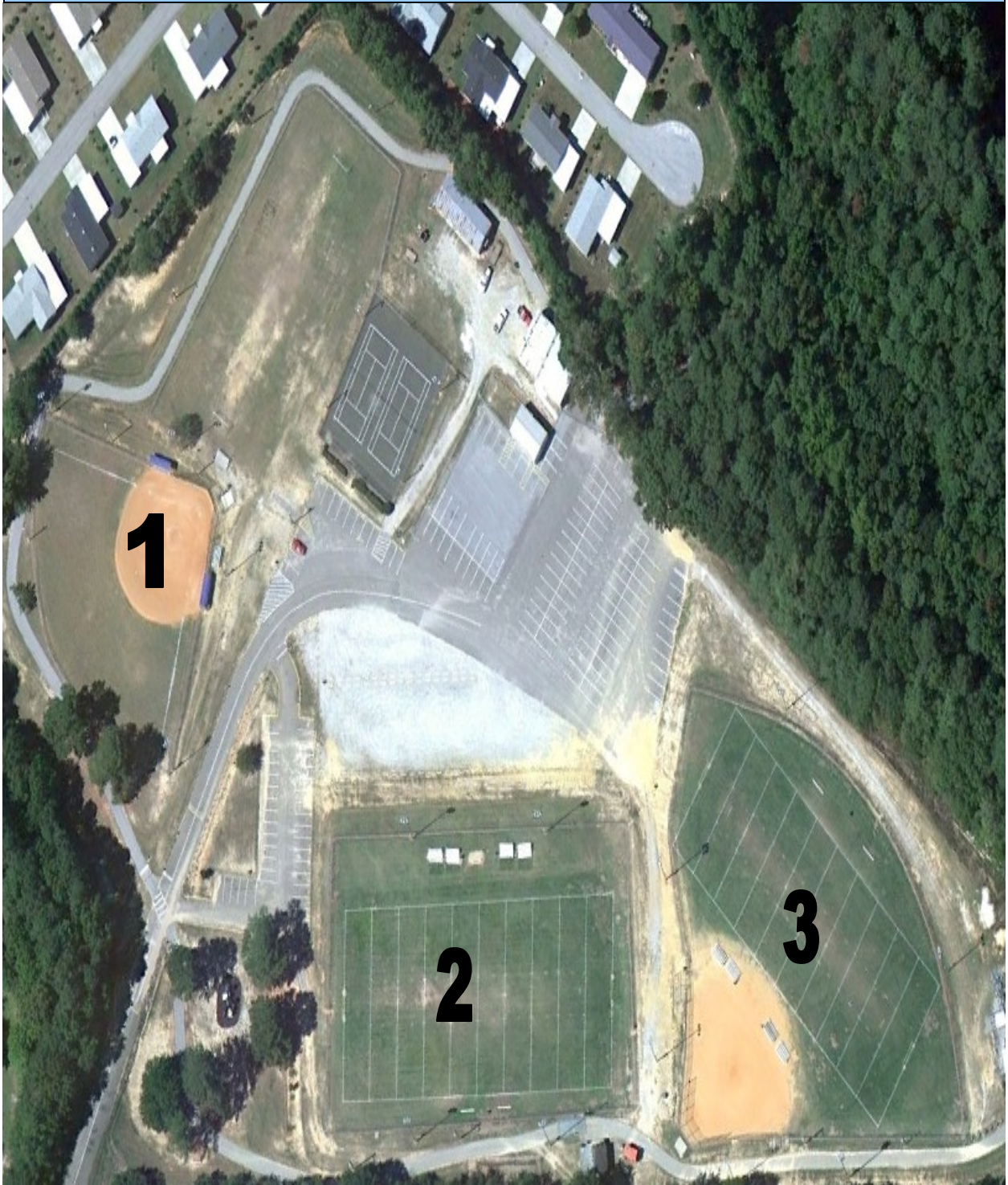
For upcoming events:
Text ccevents to 82672

**CCRD League Schedules and Rules are
available online at www.eteamz.com/ccrd1**

**Please note that the playing days listed in this
program guide are not guaranteed. The days listed
are typical days played but may vary due to the
number of teams in a league.**

Blanchard Park

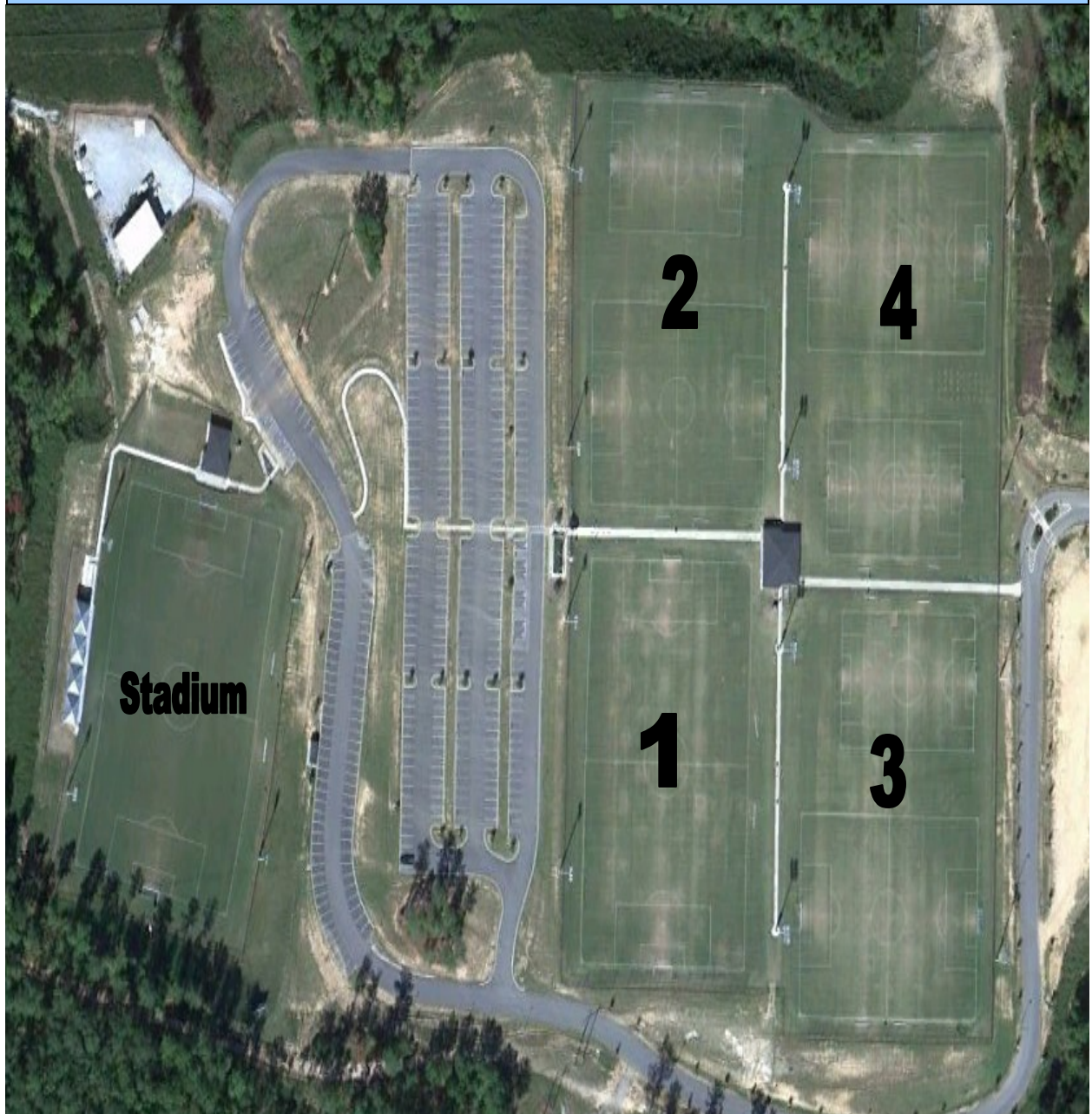
4541 Dewey Drive, Martinez



Blanchard Woods

4600 Blanchard Woods Drive, Evans

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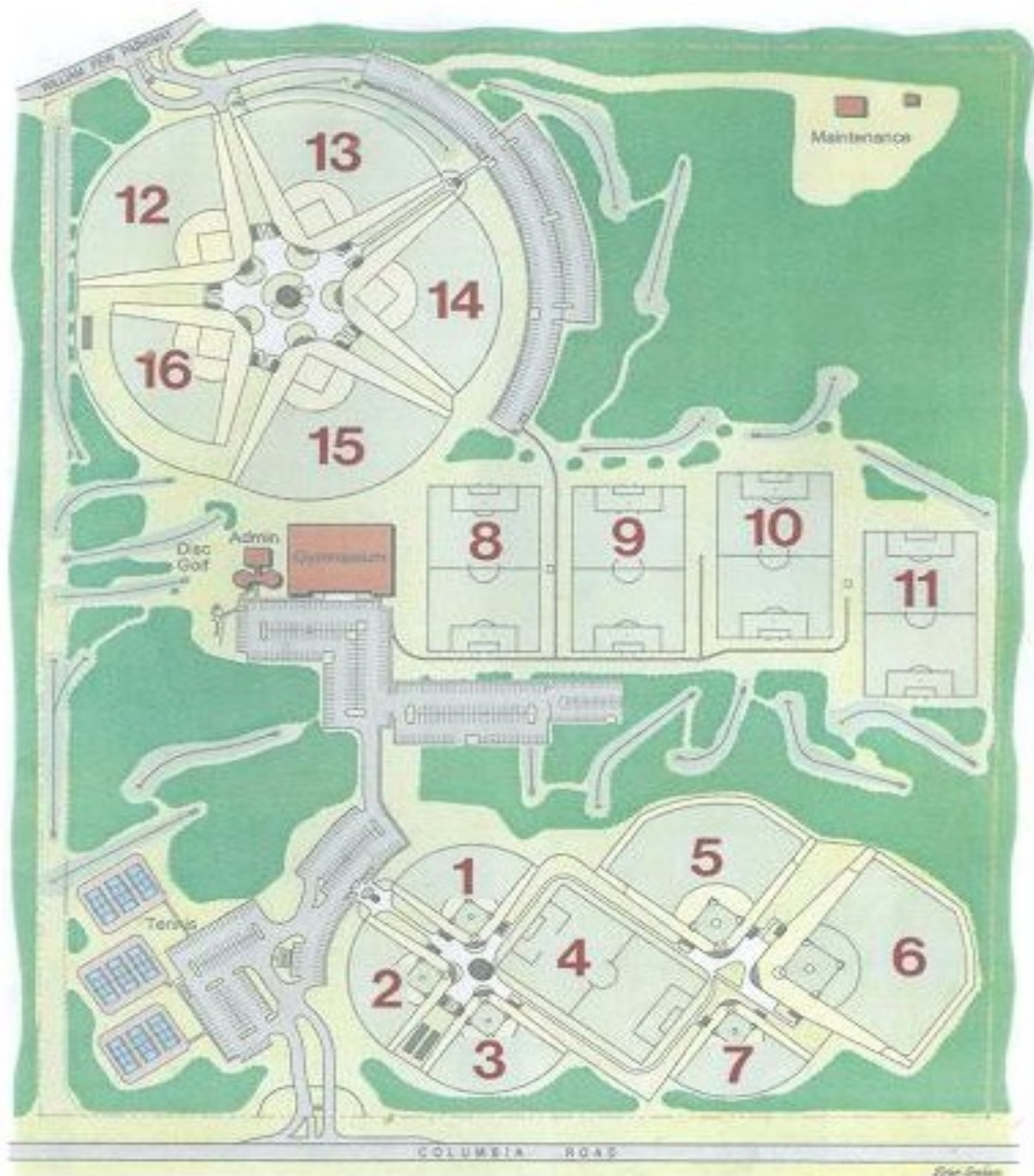
Harlem Park

385 Church Street, Harlem



Patriots Park

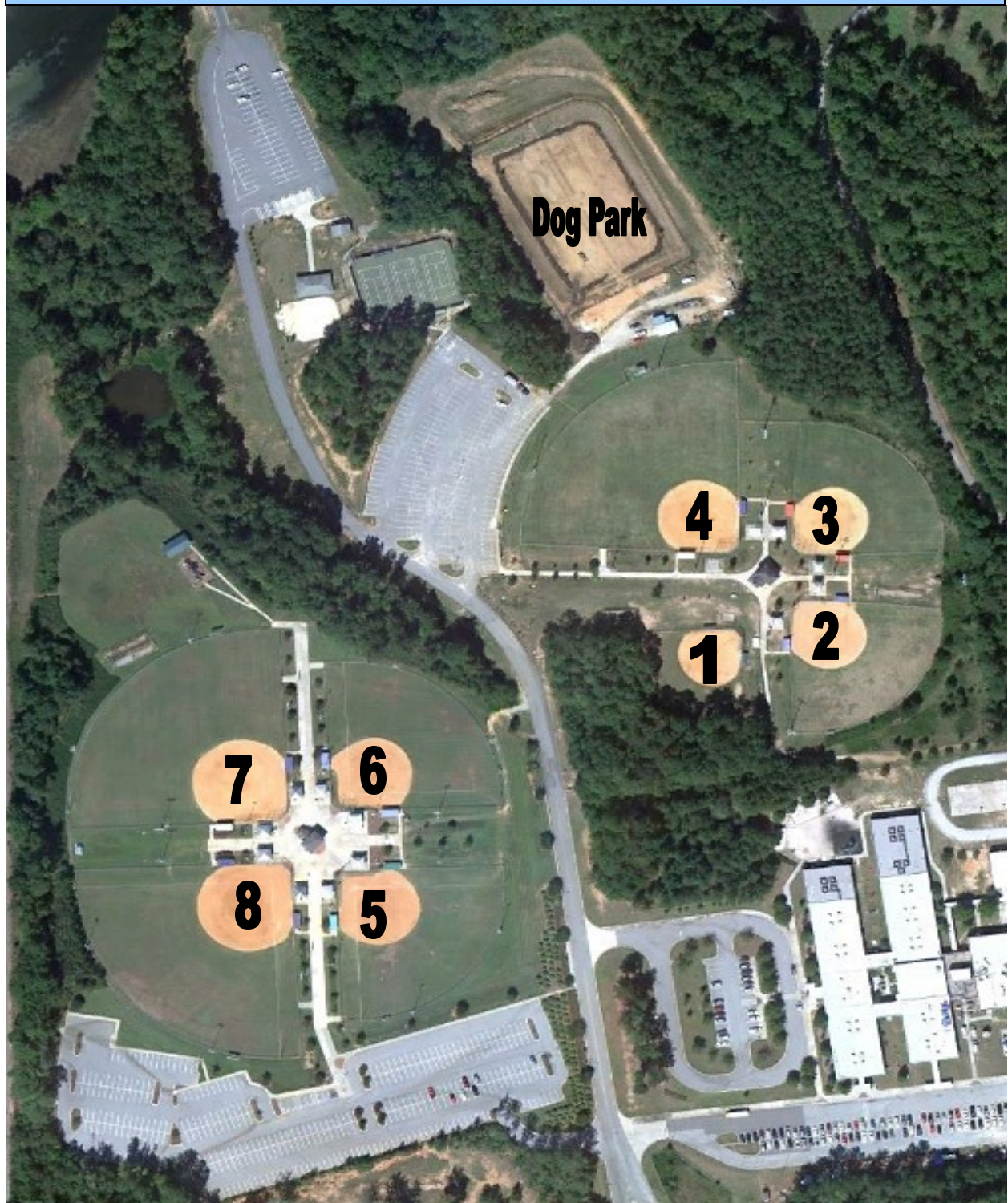
5445 Columbia Road, Grovetown



Riverside Park

4431 Hardy McManus Road, Evans

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A photograph of a soccer field at night. In the foreground, a white soccer ball with blue and red patterns is on the grass. In the background, a soccer goal with a white net is visible. The scene is illuminated by stadium lights, creating a bright spot on the right side of the image.

Spring Soccer

Register in January

U-8 Boys*

Ages: 6 & 7 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (Days not guaranteed)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park



Description:

The U8 leagues plays on a 20 X 40 yard field with 6 X 12 goals. Players play with a size 3 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to learn the game of soccer and acquire skills through practice and friendly competition. Teams keep score in this league but no official standings are kept. U-8 Soccer leagues are for instruction and teaching of fundamental soccer skills. It emphasizes the development of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and FUN.

U-8 Girls*

Ages: 6 & 7 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (Days not guaranteed)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

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***May be combined to make a single co-ed league if there are not enough of a single sex.**

U-10 Boys

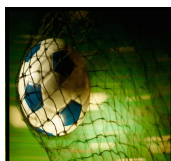
Ages: 8 & 9 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

The U10 leagues plays on a 40 X 60 yard field with 6 X 19 goals. Players play with a size 4 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy friendly competition. Scores are kept but no standings are kept in the spring league. The emphasis is FUN and skill building.

U-10 Girls

Ages: 8 & 9 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
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U-12 Boys

Ages: 10 & 11 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Possible Saturdays)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park



Description:

The U12 leagues plays on a 50 X 80 yard field with 7 X 21 goals. Players play with a size 4 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy competition at a higher level. Scores are kept but no standings are kept in the spring league. The emphasis is FUN and skill building.

U-12 Girls

Ages: 10 & 11 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

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U-14 Co-ed**

Ages: 12 & 13 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:15 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

The U14 leagues is co-ed and plays on a 80 X 120 yard field with 8 X 24 goals. Players use a size 5 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy competition at an even higher level. Scores are kept but no standings are kept in the spring league. The emphasis is FUN and skill building.

18 & Under**

Ages: 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:15 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

The 18 & under leagues is co-ed and plays on a 80 X 120 yard field with 8 X 24 goals. Players use a size 5 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy competition at the highest level. Scores are kept but no standings are kept in the spring league. The emphasis is FUN and skill building.

****Depending on the ages and number of participants these age groups may be altered.**





Spring Baseball & Softball

**Register
Late January Early February**



T-ball

Ages: 5 & 6 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Tuesday & Thursdays (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside, Harlem, Appling

Description:

This league is the young athletes introduction to baseball and softball. Participants learn the basics of the game like positioning and proper throwing mechanics while enjoying fun and energetic games. Parents are encouraged to assist with their children in this league. No score or standings are kept in this league.

Junior Pitching Machine Baseball

Ages: 7 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:10 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside, Harlem, Appling

Description:

The Junior Pitching Machine league begins the players transition into “real” baseball. Games are played using a JUGS Junior pitching machine to throw to batters. This is a fun and exciting league for the younger players. Score is kept in this league however there are no league standings kept.



Pitching Machine Baseball

Ages: 8 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Tuesday & Thursday (Friday or Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:10 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside, Harlem, Appling

Description:

The Pitching Machine league furthers the players transition into “real” baseball. Games are played using a JUGS Junior pitching machine to throw to batters. The speed of the machine in this league is slightly increased to better prepare players for their transition in to live pitch baseball. This is a fun and exciting league. Score is kept in this league however there are no league standings kept.

GRPA Mite League Baseball

Ages: 9 & 10 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Monday & Wednesday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside, Harlem, Appling



Description:

This league is the players first opportunity to face live arm pitching. Players in this league get the opportunity to play a true baseball game with live pitching and base stealing. Scores and standings are kept in this league. At the end of the season there is also an opportunity for players to be chosen to an All-Star team that will play in a Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Tournament.

GRPA Midget League

Ages: 11-12 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Monday & Wednesday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside, Harlem, Appling



Description:

This league allows players to sharpen their skills while participating in “real” baseball games. Players in this league face live pitching from a 50 foot rubber and get to lead off and steal bases that are 70 feet apart. Scores and standings are kept in this league. At the end of the season there is also an opportunity for players to be chosen to an All-Star team that will play in a Georgia Recreation and Parks Association tournament.

Dixie Boys

Ages: 13-14 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (games will be two of the listed days)
Times: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Locations: Riverside

Description:

As the players grow so does the size of the field. Players in this league face live pitching from a 56 foot rubber and get to lead off and steal bases that are 80 feet apart. Scores and standings are kept in this league. At the end of the season there is also an opportunity for players to be chosen to an All-Star team that will play in a Dixie Boys State Tournament.

Other League Offerings

9-10 Travel League

Ages: 9-10 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Locations: Riverside

Description:

This league allows travel teams to have the opportunity to practice and play games as a team. The league is only open to teams to register as a whole. Games will be played and practices times will be available. At the end of the season an All-Star team will be chosen and will play in the Dixie State Tournament. Although the league is open to all travel teams in the CSRA only Columbia County residents will be eligible for All-Stars.

11-12 Travel League

Ages: 8 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday
Locations: Riverside



Description:

This league allows travel teams to have the opportunity to practice and play games as a team. The league is only open to teams to register as a whole. Games will be played and practices times will be available. At the end of the season an All-Star team will be chosen and will play in the Dixie State Tournament. Although the league is open to all travel teams in the CSRA only Columbia County residents will be eligible for All-Stars.

Pitching Machine Softball

Ages: 7-8 year olds
Age Control Date: December 31, of Previous Year
Possible Game Days: Tuesday & Thursday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:10 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Blanchard Park



Description:

This is the young girls first opportunity to experience the game of softball. Players in this league will learn the basics of the game while hitting off a pitching machine. Score is kept in this league but league standings are not kept. The emphasis is on fun and learning. The bases for this league are 60 feet apart and the girls machine is set at 32 mph and sits 35 feet from home plate.



Mite Softball

Ages: 9-10 year olds
Age Control Date: December 31, of Previous Year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (Sat. games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Blanchard Park

Description:

In this league players advance and hit from live pitching. Scores and standings are kept and the girls participate in league tournament at the end of the season. The bases for this league are 60 feet apart and the girls pitch from a rubber that is 35 feet from home plate.

Ponytail Softball

Ages: 11-12 year olds
Age Control Date: December 31, of Previous Year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Blanchard Park



Description:

In this league the emphasis is a little more on competition. Players hit off live pitching and have the opportunity to steal bases and play the game much like they see on television. The bases for this league are 60 feet apart and the girls pitch from a rubber that is 40 feet from home plate. At the end of the season an All-Star team is chosen and the team plays in the Dixie Softball Ponytails State Tournament



Belles Softball

Ages: 13-14 year olds
Age Control Date: December 31, of Previous Year
Possible Game Days: Monday & Wednesday (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Blanchard Park

Description:

In this league the emphasis is a little more on competition. Players hit off live pitching and have the opportunity to steal bases and play the game much like they see on television. At the end of the season an All-Star team is chosen and the team plays in the Dixie Softball Belles State Tournament



Summer Basketball

Register Mid April - Early May

Midget Basketball**

Ages: 10, 11 & 12
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

This is a fun and energetic league for players 10-12 years old. It provides participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills during the summer months while enjoying friendly competition.

****Due to space issues the league is limited to the first 72 players to register**



Junior Basketball**

Ages: 13, 14 & 15
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

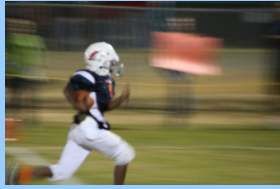
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Football

**Register July -
early August**



6 Year Old Tackle Football—Pee Wee

Ages:	6 year olds
Age Control Date:	September 1 of Current Year
Weight Limit:	100 lbs.
Possible Game Days:	Tuesdays and Thursdays (some Saturdays possible)
Times:	6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location:	Blanchard Park or Patriots Park

Description:

This league is the first opportunity for the young athlete to put on the gear and get ready for a game just like the pros do. The focus of this league is fun and learning. With the registration fee players will be given a jersey and football pants to keep. They will also be issued a helmet and shoulder pads to use for the season. Games are played on a field that is 80 yards long and 45 yards wide using a size 5 football. Score and standings are not kept in this league.

7 Year Old Tackle Football—Tiny Mites

Ages:	7 year olds
Age Control Date:	September 1 of Current Year
Weight Limit:	105 lbs.
Possible Game Days:	Tuesdays and Thursdays (some Saturdays possible)
Times:	6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location:	Blanchard Park or Patriots Park

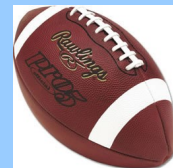


Description:

In this league players continue their tackle football journey. The focus of this league is fun and learning. With the registration fee players will be given a jersey and football pants to keep. They will also be issued a helmet and shoulder pads to use for the season. Games are played on a field that is 80 yards long and 45 yards wide using a size 5 football. Score and standings are not kept in this league.

8 Year Old Tackle Football—Mites

Ages:	8 year olds
Age Control Date:	September 1 of Current Year
Weight Limit:	115 lbs.
Possible Game Days:	Tuesdays and Thursdays (some Saturdays possible)
Times:	6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location:	Blanchard Park or Patriots Park



Description:

Players continue to develop their skills in this league as the players get bigger and the game moves a little faster. The focus of this league remains fun and learning. With the registration fee players will be given a jersey and football pants to keep. They will also be issued a helmet and shoulder pads to use for the season. Games are played on a field that is 80 yards long and 45 yards wide using a size 5 football. No score or standings are kept in this league.

9 Year Old Tackle Football—Junior Bantam



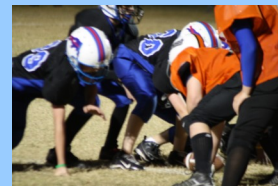
Ages:	9 year olds
Age Control Date:	September 1 of Current Year
Weight Limit:	125 lbs.
Possible Game Days:	Mondays and Wednesdays (some Saturdays possible)
Times:	6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location:	Blanchard Park or Patriots Park

Description:

In this league players are really starting to get the hang of the game. The weight limit is creeping up and players are getting bigger and stronger. With the registration fee players will be given a jersey and football pants to keep. They will also be issued a helmet and shoulder pads to use for the season. Games are played on a field that is 80 yards long and 45 yards wide using a size 5 football. Score and standings kept in this league. At the end of the season teams will compete in a single elimination tournament to crown a champion.

10 Year Old Tackle Football—Bantam**

Ages: 10 year olds
Age Control Date: September 1 of Current Year
Weight Limit: 135 lbs
Possible Game Days: Mondays and Wednesdays (some Saturdays possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Park or Patriots Park



Description:

In this league the players get even bigger and stronger as they strive to be like the players they see on Saturday and Sunday. With the registration fee players will be given a jersey and football pants to keep. They will also be issued a helmet and shoulder pads to use for the season. Games are played on a field that is 80 yards long and 45 yards wide using a size 6 football. Score and standings kept in this league. At the end of the season teams will compete in a single elimination tournament to crown a champion.



11-12 Year Old Tackle Football**

Ages: 11 & 12 year olds
Age Control Date: September 1 of Current Year
Weight Limit: 155 lbs.
Possible Game Days: Mondays and Wednesdays (some Saturdays possible)
Times: 7:00 or 8:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Park or Patriots Park



Description:

This league represents the last step before players become involved on a school team. With the registration fee players will be given a jersey and football pants to keep. They will also be issued a helmet and shoulder pads to use for the season. Games are played on a field that is 80 yards long and 45 yards wide using a size 6 football. Score and standings kept in this league. At the end of the season teams will compete in a single elimination tournament to crown a champion.

****Youth may not participate in a middle/high school sport and the same sport at the Recreation Department if recreation games and originally scheduled school games overlap by more than two weeks. Participants will be ineligible for the recreation program in the same sport if they have dressed out for one school game regardless if they played or not.**



Fall Soccer

**Register July -
early August**

BRATS*

Ages: 5 year olds
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Mondays and Thursdays (possibly a Saturday)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park



Description:

BRATS is everything the beginning soccer player needs. Players are given the opportunity to learn the basics of the game through several training sessions before taking the field in “game” situations. Players play with a size 3 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to learn the game of soccer and acquire skills through practice and friendly competition. No score is kept in this league. BRATS Soccer leagues are for instruction and teaching of fundamental soccer skills. It emphasizes the development of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and FUN.

***Denotes that there is a limit of 100 spaces available for this league.**

U-8 Boys

Ages: 6 & 7 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (possibly some Saturdays)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

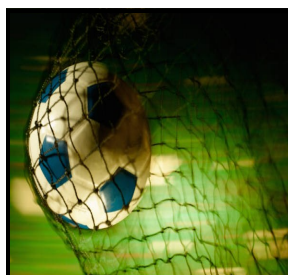
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U8- Girls

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Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
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U-10 Boys

Ages: 8 & 9 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (possibly some Saturdays)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods



Description:

The U10 leagues plays on a 40 X 60 yard field with 6 X 19 goals. Players play with a size 4 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy friendly competition. Scores and league standings are kept in the fall league. At the completion of the fall season an All-Star team will be chosen to represent the county in the GRPA District and possibly State Tournaments.

U-10 Girls

Ages: 8 & 9 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (possibly some Saturdays)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods

Description:

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U-12 Boys

Ages: 10 & 11 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Mondays and Wednesdays (possibly some Saturdays)
Times: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

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Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (possibly some Saturdays)
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U-14 Co-ed

Ages: 12 & 13 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:15 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

The U14 leagues is co-ed and plays on a 80 X 120 yard field with 8 X 24 goals. Players use a size 5 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy competition at an even higher level. Scores and league standings are kept in the fall league.

18 & Under Co-ed

Ages: 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 years
Age Control Date: August 1, of current year
Possible Game Days: Mondays and Wednesdays (Saturday games are possible)
Times: 6:00 or 7:15 p.m.
Location: Blanchard Woods or Patriots Park

Description:

The 18 & under leagues is co-ed and plays on a 80 X 120 yard field with 8 X 24 goals. Players use a size 5 soccer ball. This league is designed to allow participants the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy competition at the highest level. Scores and league standings are kept.



A photograph of a baseball field, viewed from an elevated angle. The infield is made of reddish-brown dirt, and the outfield is green grass. White chalk lines mark the bases and the pitcher's mound. The text "Fall Baseball & Softball" is overlaid in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline. The word "Fall" is on the first line, "Baseball" on the second, "&" on the third, and "Softball" on the fourth.

Fall Baseball & Softball

**Register July -
early August**

Pitching Machine Baseball

Ages: 7 & 8 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Next Year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Times: 6:00 & 7:10 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside



Description:

The Pitching Machine league furthers the players transition into “real” baseball. Games are played using a JUGS Junior pitching machine to throw to batters. The speed of the machine in this league is slightly increased to better prepare players for their transition in to live pitch baseball. This is a fun and exciting league. Score is kept in this league however there are no league standings kept.

Mite League Baseball

Ages: 9 & 10 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Next Year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Times: 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside

Description:

This league is the players first opportunity to face live arm pitching. Players in this league get the opportunity to play a true baseball game with live pitching and base stealing. Scores are kept but no standings are kept in the fall league.

Midget Baseball

Ages: 11-12 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Next Year
Possible Game Days: Mondays & Thursdays
Times: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Riverside



Description:

This league allows players to sharpen their skills while participating in “real” baseball games. Players in this league face live pitching from a 50 foot rubber and get to lead off and steal bases that are 70 feet apart. Scores are kept but no standings are kept in the fall league.

Junior Baseball

Ages: 13-15 year olds
Age Control Date: May 1, of Next year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Times: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Locations: Riverside

Description:

As the players grow so does the size of the field. Players in this league face live pitching from a 56 foot rubber and get to lead off and steal bases that are 80 feet apart. Scores are kept but no standings are kept in the fall league.

Pitching Machine Softball

Ages: 7-8 year olds
Age Control Date: December 31, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Times: 6:00 & 7:10 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Blanchard Park

Description:

This is the young girls first opportunity to experience the game of softball. Players in this league will learn the basics of the game while hitting off a pitching machine. Score is kept in this league but league standings are not kept. The emphasis is on fun and learning. The bases for this league are 60 feet apart and the girls machine is set at 32 mph and sits 35 feet from home plate.



Mite Softball

Ages: 9-10 year olds
Age Control Date: December 31, of Current Year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Times: 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Blanchard Park



Description:

In this league players advance and hit from live pitching. Score is kept in this league but league standings are not kept in the fall. The bases for this league are 60 feet apart and the girls pitch from a rubber that is 35 feet from home plate.



Midget Softball

Ages: 11-12 year olds
Age Control Date: December 31, of Current year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Times: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Locations: Patriots Park, Blanchard Park

Description:

In this league the emphasis is a little more on competition. Players hit off live pitching and have the opportunity to steal bases and play the game much like they see on television. The bases for this league are 60 feet apart and the girls pitch from a rubber that is 40 feet from home plate. Score is kept in this league but league standings are not kept in the fall.



Winter Basketball

Register the end of October - mid November

Gym RATS*

Ages: 6 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Wednesdays
Times: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

This program is designed to allow the six-year old and parent (s) to come together to learn the fundamentals of basketball. It will consist of two hands on training sessions and a series of games. The training sessions will include dribbling, passing, shooting, basic defense and transition. The program will end with a series of games, which will allow the children the opportunity to apply the skills learned during the training sessions. Games are played using an 8 foot goal and a junior size ball (27.5). No score or standings are kept for this league.

***Denotes a limit of 64 participants for this league**

Pee Wee Boys

Ages: 7 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 6:50, 7:40 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

This leagues allows the players to take the basic skills they learned in the Gym RAT program and apply them to game situations. Players in this league are given the opportunity to play in fun and exciting games all season. No score or standings are kept in this league. Games are played using an 8 foot goal and a junior size ball (27.5).

Mite Boys

Ages: 8 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (some Saturday games possible)
Times: 6:00, 6:50, 7:40 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

Players in this league continue to build skills and confidence. Games are played emphasizing skill building and fun. No score or standings are kept in this league. Games are played using an 8 foot goal and a junior size ball (27.5).

Mighty Mite Boys

Ages: 9 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 6:50, 7:40 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

In this league players are starting to gain confidence and more skills. Games begin to get more competitive while at the same time focusing on fun. No score or standing are kept in this league. Games are played using an 8 foot goal and a intermediate size ball (28.5).

Bantam Boys

Ages: 10 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Local Me

Description:

In this league the players will begin playing on a full sized court truly testing their skills. Score and standing are kept in this league. At the conclusion of the season teams will play in an end of the season tournament to crown a champion. Games are played using an 10 foot goal and a intermediate size ball (28.5).



Midget Boys

Ages: 11 & 12 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Mondays and Wednesdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Local Middle School Gyms

Description:

In this league the players will play games on a full sized court. Games begin to become a little more competitive in this league. Score and standing are kept in this league. At the conclusion of the season teams will play in an end of the season tournament to crown a champion. Games are played using an 10 foot goal and a regulation ball.



Junior Boys

Ages: 13, 14, 15 year olds
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Local Middle School Gyms

Description:

For many in this league it is their last stop before joining a school team. Games in this league take on more of a competitive nature. Score and standing are kept in this league. At the conclusion of the season teams will play in an end of the season tournament to crown a champion. Games are played using an 10 foot goal and a regulation ball.

Mite Girls

Ages: 7 & 8 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 6:50, 7:40 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

Players in this league continue to build skills and confidence. Games are played emphasizing skill building and fun. No score or standing are kept in this league. Games are played using an 8 foot goal and a junior size ball (27.5).



Bantam Girls

Ages: 9 & 10 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 6:50, 7:40 p.m.
Location: Patriots Park Gym

Description:

In this league players continue to grow and acquire skills. Score and standing are kept in this league. At the conclusion of the season teams will play in an end of the season tournament to crown a champion. Games are played using an 9 foot goal and an official women's size ball (28.5).



Midget Girls

Ages: 11 & 12 years old
Age Control Date: January 1 of the next year
Possible Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (occasionally another day of the week may be added)
Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Local Middle School Gyms

Description:

In this league the players will begin playing on a full sized court truly testing their skills. Score and standing are kept in this league. At the conclusion of the season teams will play in an end of the season tournament to crown a champion. Games are played using an 10 foot goal and an official women's size ball (28.5).

Adult Sports

The Columbia County Recreation Department offers adult softball twice a year. Prior to the start of each season there will be an organizational meeting held to discuss the details of the league. Games are played using ASA rules and regulations. Teams wishing to enter the league should have a representative in attendance.

The Following leagues are available each season:

Men's Church

- Eligibility: Must be a member or regular attendee of the church they wish to play for and they must turn 16 prior to May 1 of the current year.
- Days: Tuesday and Thursdays (may play some Monday's if necessary)
- Registration: Must register as a team with an official roster signed by the church pastor and the individual team members.
- Team Fees: Determined by the number of games played. All fees are due prior to the first game.
- Individual Fees: There is no out of county fee for Men's Church League

Men's Open

- Eligibility: Open to any individual who turns 18 prior to May 1 of the current year.
- Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
- Registration: Must register as a team with an official roster signed by each individual on the team.
- Team Fees: Determined by the number of games played. All fees are due prior to the first game.
- Individual Fees: There is a one time \$15 fee charged for any player who does not live in Columbia County

Co-ed

- Eligibility: Open to any male who turns 18 prior to May 1 of the current year or female who turns 16 prior to May 1 of the Current Year
- Days: Tuesday and Thursdays (may play some Monday's if necessary)
- Registration: Must register as a team with an official roster signed by each individual on the team.
- Team Fees: Determined by the number of games played. All fees are due prior to the first game.
- Individual Fees: There is no out of county fee for the Co-ed League

Organizational Meeting Dates

Spring League— Mid March with fees and paperwork due the first of April

Fall League— Mid August with fees and paperwork due the first of September

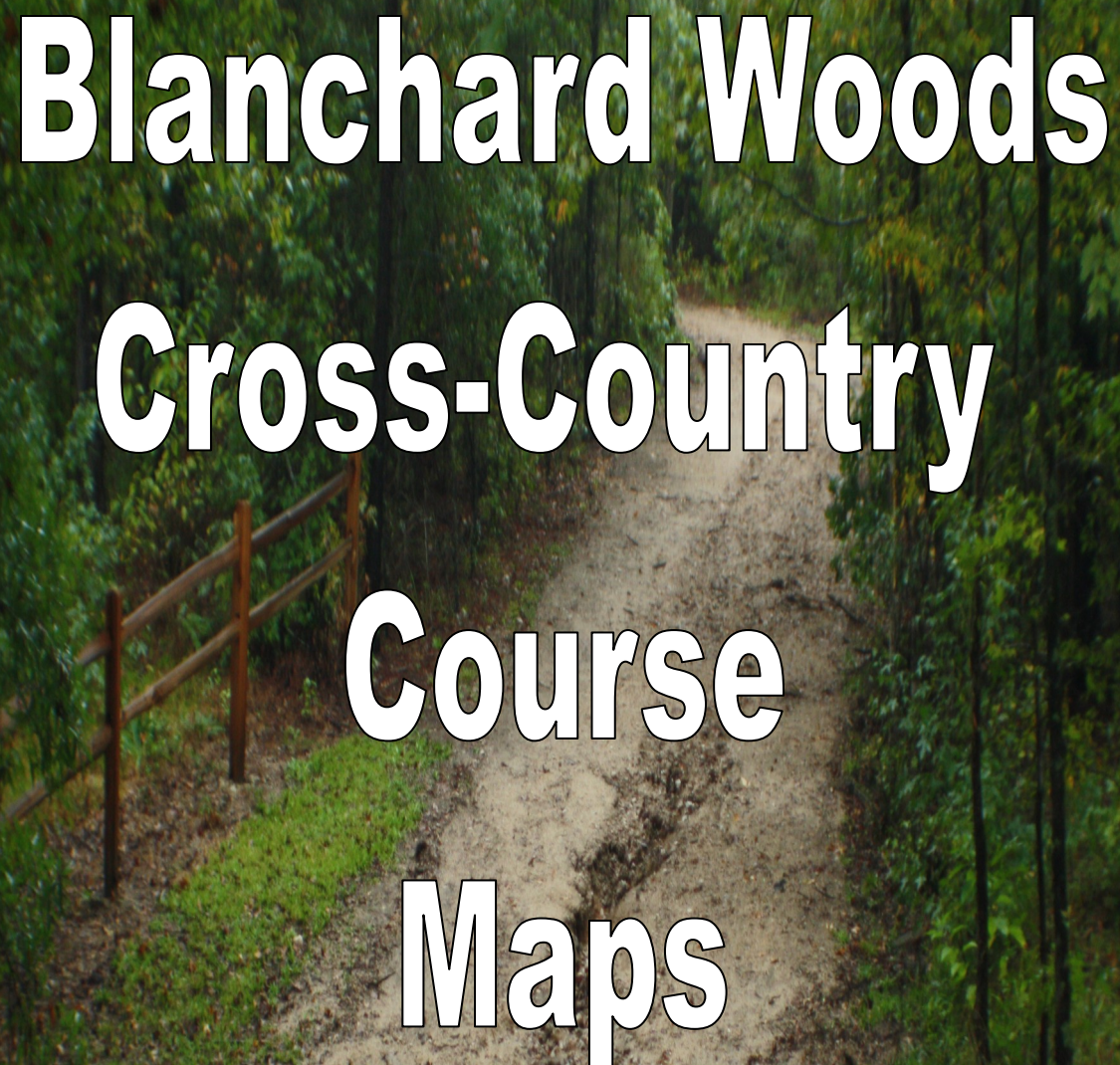
For More Information Contact Ken Warner at 706-863-7523.

NOTE:

Adult Soccer and Adult Flag Football leagues are offered by outside groups who rent the Recreation Department facilities.

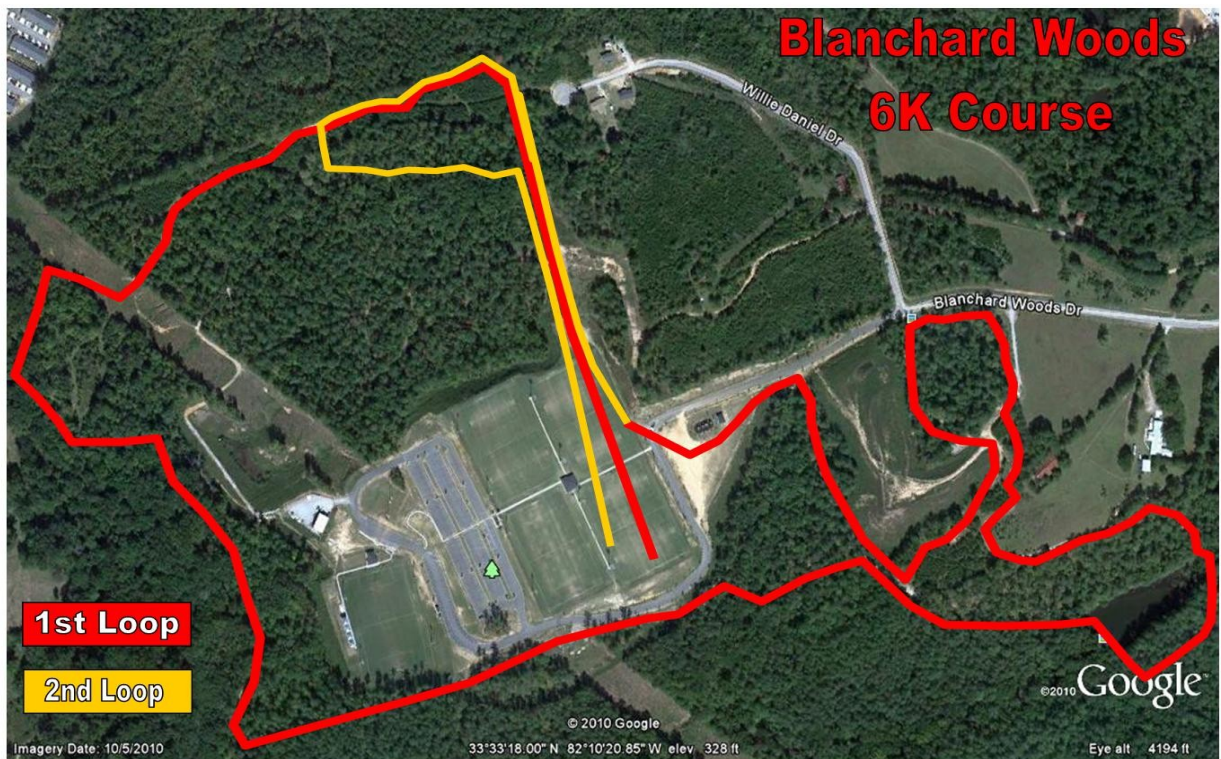
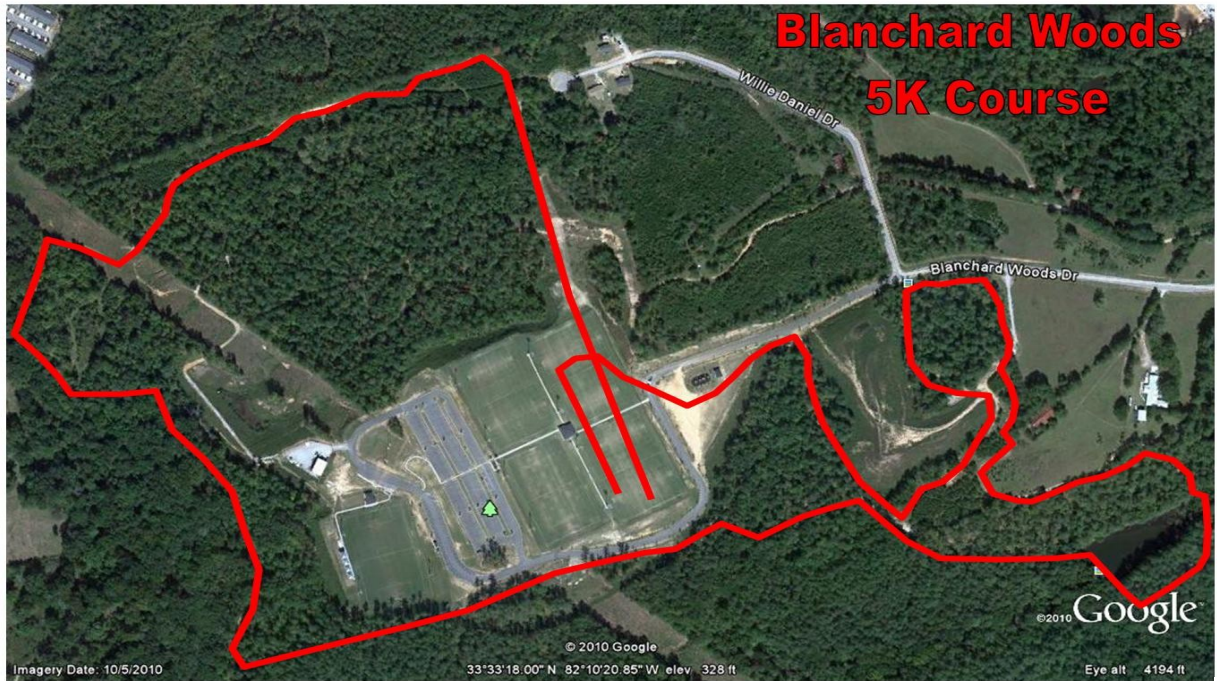
Contact for Soccer—Augusta Amateur Soccer

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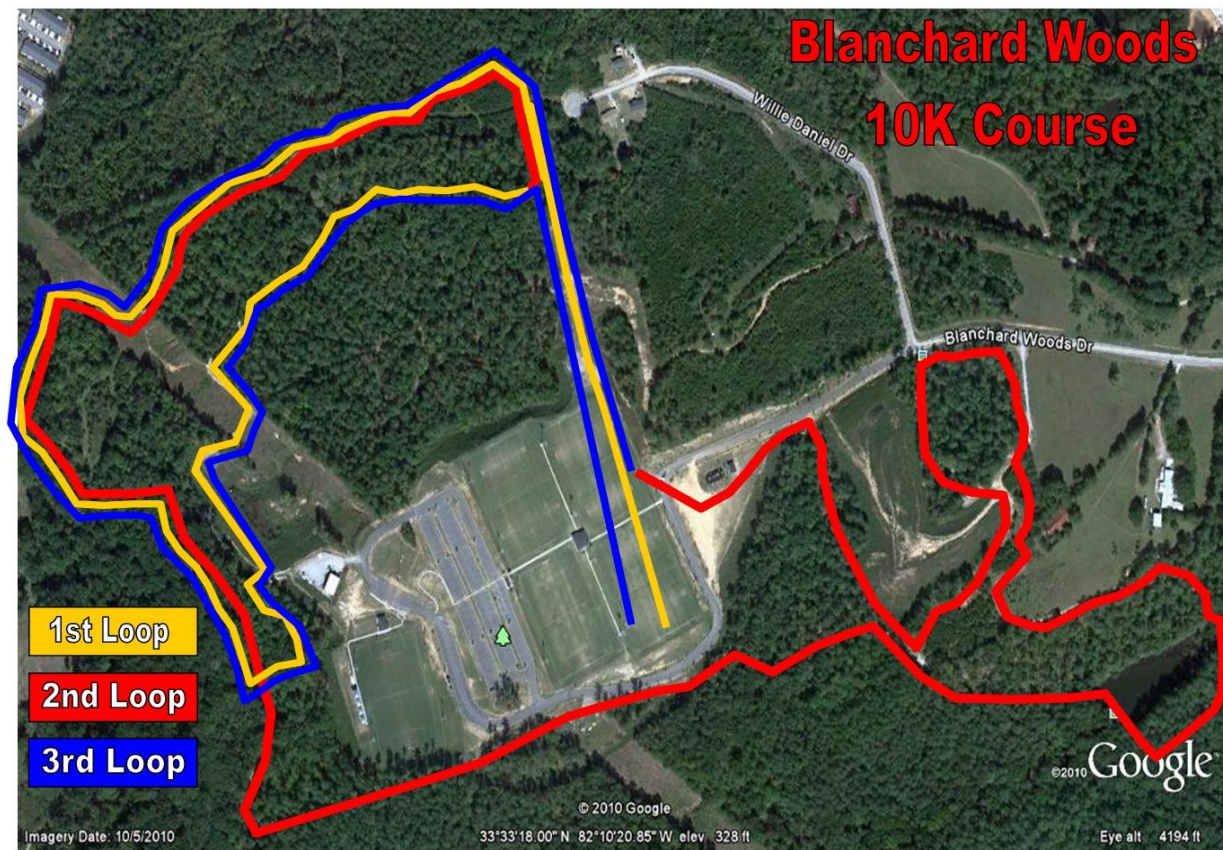
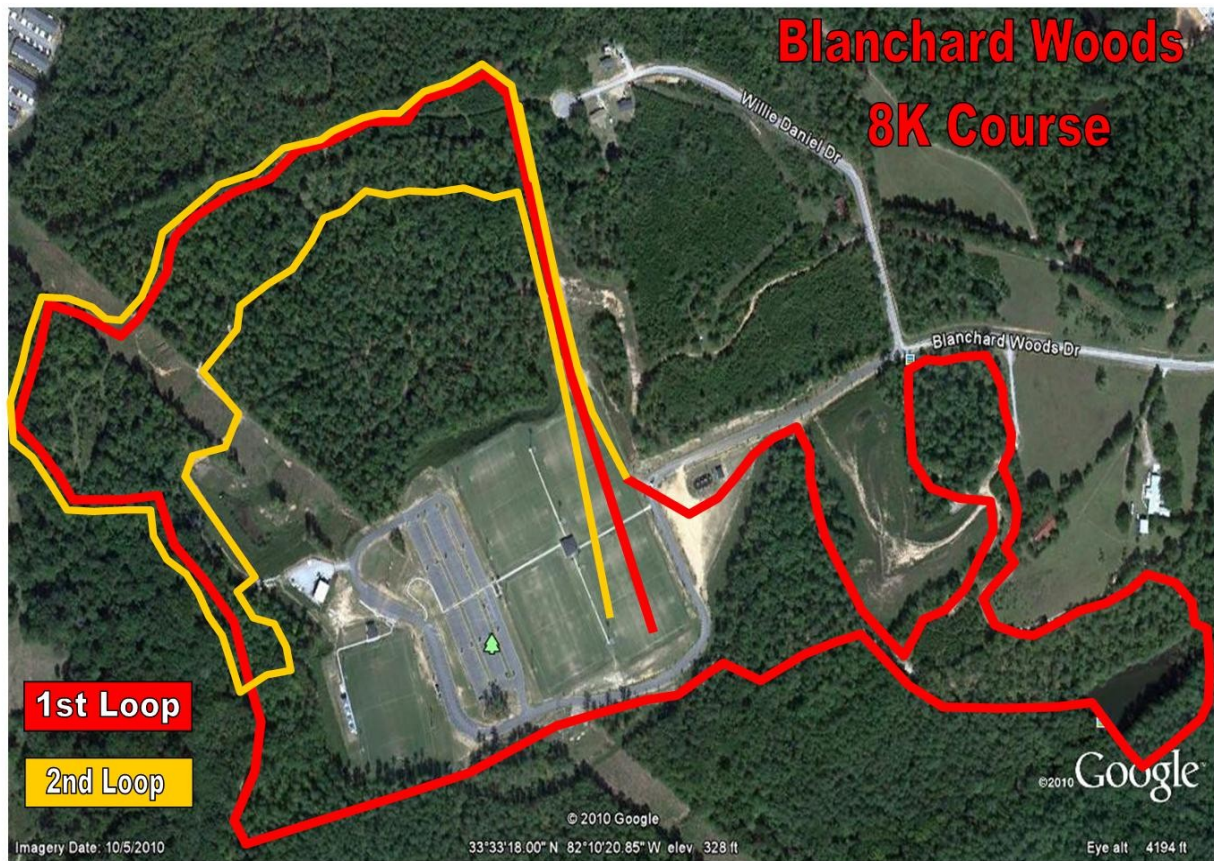


Blanchard Woods Cross-Country Course Maps

**Course Located at Blanchard Woods Park
4600 Blanchard Woods Dr., Evans**



The Blanchard Woods Cross-Country Course is a dirt, grass, and gravel trail that circles Blanchard Woods Park. The course is open to the public and serves as the home course for Greenbrier, Evans, and Lakeside High Schools, as well as Augusta State University. During the course of the year there are numerous races held at Blanchard Woods Park.



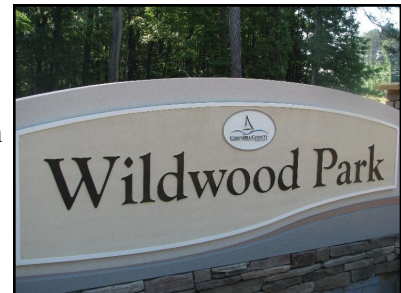
[Wildwood Park](#)

3780 Dogwood Lane Appling, GA 30802
(706) 541-0586 Fax (706) 541-3984

Wildwood Park is located on Thurmond Lake (also known as Clarks Hill Lake). This 975 acre park offers access to the 78,000-acre lake which is excellent for fishing and boating activities.

Directions to Wildwood Park:

Located on Clarks Hill Lake. From I-20 exit 183 onto GA 47/US 221. Go approximately 3 miles into Appling, Hwy 221 will bear to right, follow to intersection at Pollard's Corner, Approximately 5 miles. Turn left onto Washington Rd. (SR 47), go approximately 1.5 miles. Park entrance will be on right at Dogwood Lane. Wildwood Park is open year round for camping and family outings.



Wildwood Park was voted Best Campground in Columbia County and Metro Augusta by readers of the Columbia County Magazine in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Wildwood Park hosts multiple fishing tournaments utilizing our mega-ramp system. These tournaments include the ESPN Bassmasters, American Bass Anglers, FLW, BFL, and Georgia Bass Federation.

Park Amenities:

- 8 Boat Ramps
- 61 Campsites
- 2-12 miles of horse riding trails
- 8 boat ramps (6-mega Ramp System)
- Home of the International Disc Golf Center & Hall of Fame
- Beach Area
- Picnic Area
- 7 Covered Pavilions
- Restroom & Shower Facilities



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3820 Park Lane

Martinez, GA 30907
706-210-4027

"Your Local Nature Center"

Located just behind the Zaxby's, across from the West Lake subdivision and next to the Forest Creek subdivision, off of Fury's Ferry Road in Martinez.

Our Mission, as part of the Columbia County Recreation Department, is to offer quality customer service to the citizens of Columbia County by striving to enrich their lives by providing opportunities through programs and activities during their leisure time.

Trails are open sunrise to sunset, 7 days a week. A map is posted on the front door of the education building.

Birthday Parties for Children ages 5 and Up: Does your child enjoy nature and the outdoors? Then sign up for a birthday party at Reed Creek Nature Park and Interpretive Center. With indoor and outdoor games and activities, children will have a chance to explore the natural world. Please e-mail Nate Hobbs at EHobbs@columbiacountyga.gov or call 706-210-4027 for more information.

Interested in Membership? We have a \$50 annual family membership to help support our park. Please e-mail Nate Hobbs at EHobbs@columbiacountyga.gov to receive a membership form.

For current program information go to: www.reedcreekpark.com

Bobby Waters Gymnasium at Patriots Park

**5445 Columbia Road
Grovetown, GA 30813
706-868-3458**

This indoor facility is located at Patriots Park on Columbia Road. The 29,000 sq. ft. facility is comprised of a 15,000 sq. ft. area for basketball and volleyball, four racquetball courts, an exercise room, concession, and a 1,400 sq. ft. activity/meeting room. This building is another great asset to the citizens of Columbia County.



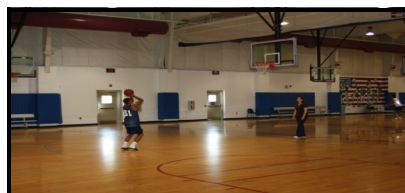
Facility Hours:



Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.



The Gymnasium Complex offers something for the whole family to include aerobics, basketball, individual exercise equipment, meeting facilities, racquetball, volleyball, martial arts and much more. The facility operates on a membership basis. Membership permits an individual to use the gym area, racquetball courts and exercise room at no extra cost. Additional charges will be incurred for racquetball court reservations, lockers, misplaced/lost membership cards or rental of facility space. For current membership fees and rental rates please go to the gym website at: <http://www.columbiacountyga.gov/Index.aspx?page=4146> or call 706-868-3458.



Summer Day Camps

Camp Horizon

Camp Horizon is the series of weekly Summer Day Camps offered by the Columbia County Recreation Department at Patriots for children ages 6—12. Campers may sign up for one week or all eleven weeks. Each week is specially themed and the activities campers participate in will be centered around that week's theme. While attending, campers will have the opportunity to complete arts & crafts projects, participate in outdoor recreational activities, and take field trips.

The camp runs weekly (excluding the 4th of July week) beginning the week after school lets out for the summer and continues through the week prior for school resuming. Camp hours are 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.. However, parents have an early drop-off and late pick-up option.

Registration for camp begins at the end April and continues through the end of the season. Each week limited space is available.

For more information contact the Bobby Waters Gymnasium at 706-868-3458.



Special Events



For more information on special events and a complete list of upcoming events go to:

www.columbiacountyga.gov